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Bank Accounts for Farmers
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent study/report of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has indicated that nearly 52 per cent of farmers of the country do not have a bank account, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon;
(b) whether the share of the agricultural loan to the North Eastern States is less than ten per cent, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has any proposal to lower the interest rate on loans provided to poor farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide easy loans to farmers in this regard?

Answer

The Finance Minister

(a) to (d):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.